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## WEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

President Cousins Tells of Interest Manifested in New Institution at Canyon.

President R. B. Cousins of the West Texas State Normal College located at this place, in speaking of the interest manifested over the State in this new State institution, said: "I am receiving a much larger number of inquiries about the school than I had anticipated, and I believe that when the school opens on Sept. 20th, we will have one of the largest Normals in the Southwest. I have been notified that each member of the faculty selected has accepted the position offered."

"The contractors are busy with the excavation work on the main building and that portion is about completed. The main building will be constructed in the Spanish Renaissance style of architecture, true to the type, and will be the handsomest normal building in the State. Much of the material to be used in the construction has been ordered and shipped, from now on the college campus will be a busy scene. By the terms of the contract, eighteen rooms are to be complete and ready for occupancy by Sept. 15, and the school will open promptly on Sept. 20. Contractor Lee states that if anything like favorable weather prevails during the spring months he will deliver the entire building by that time at least."

"The main building will contain thirty-six recitation rooms, besides laboratories, library and reading rooms, manual training, agricultural and domestic science departments, a gymnasium with a large swimming pool and shower baths and also the largest auditorium in Texas north and west of Ft. Worth, the auditorium having a seating capacity of more than 1,500. The building will be heated with steam and lighted throughout with electricity."

"Not the least important will be our library. We have set apart a sum of money which gives us about 20,000 volumes, and these will be selected with the greatest care. The various laboratories are to be well equipped throughout, particular care having been taken to the end that individual work might be accomplished in these departments."

"I knew that there was a great deal of building to be done, and the people are taking hold of the matter as it should be done. Brick store buildings, cottages and residences are being constructed in various parts of the city, and others will be erected near the college campus in order to accommodate the large number of students who will be here this fall."—Dallas News.

### The Normal

W. A. Palmer returned last Sunday night from a trip to Clarendon where he went in the interest of the Summer Normal. Mr. Palmer informs us that there will be three normals held in the Panhandle the coming summer: One at Plainview, one at Clarendon and one at Canadian.

He is authorized to say also, that Hon. R. B. Cousins, former State School Superintendent, will divide his time among the three places, delivering lectures and giving any other aid that he can from time to time. He will be here at the start of the normal to give such assistance as he can.

Mr. Palmer stated also that we had secured the appointment of place for the Panhandle Teachers' Association and that body will assemble here sometime in November, probably

about Thanksgiving. He was told many nice things about Canadian and came home well pleased with the trip. —Canadian Record.

### Homer T. Wilson Lectures.

Last Sunday evening Homer T. Wilson arrived in Canyon, and gave an address at the Christian church in the evening. The subject of his address was, "Philosophy of a Beautiful Life." This was Mr. Wilson's first appearance here this year, and he thoroughly captured his audience although coming unannounced he had a full house, at this meeting it was announced that on Monday evening he would lecture at the Methodist church and his subject will be "Sparks from the Anvil" as was stated by the speaker he was going to address especially the young people and particularly the "boys." We have not listened to a man of rarer qualities than Mr. Wilson, his whole address was one of classic oratory. We consider Mr. Wilson a master of "Oratorical Art," and we are glad to know him. Mr. Wilson expects to give the good people in Canyon another lecture in about three weeks, the subject as announced for the lecture will be "America's Uncrowned Queen" and it is said by his masterful words and dramatic power, he places the women of America, if possible on the higher plane in the minds and hearts of his audience. Mr. Wilson, as usual, was greeted with an overflowing house, so anxious were the people to hear him.

A party of high school students took advantage of the fine weather Saturday to visit the falls. A wagon was called into service, which broke down after the manner of such vehicles. Dinner was served in the "Devils Kitchen" after which one party scaled the walls of the Canyon and then went wading and the third party organized an exploring expedition. The most difficult task was getting the crowd started home for they were enjoying themselves and the wind doesn't blow in the canon. The party, chaperoned by Mrs. Ecker, consisted of Misses Beulah Prichard, Inez Moreland, Winnie and Bonnie Anderson, Dixon Lair, Winnie Brown, Emma Sheffelt, Edith Peterson, Leona Carter and Messrs Otis Skinner, Tom Anderson, Robert Rowan, Henry Prichard, Jess Pipkin, Ernest Reid, Shorty Prichard, Roy Moreland, Robert Donald and Lon Gentry.

### Republican Office Burns

The News received word Tuesday a. m., that the Monezuma Republican, the plant of the Needham boys and Ray Williams, had been totally destroyed by fire at a loss of \$7000 with \$2500 insurance. Cause of the fire unknown. As near as could be ascertained the fire started at 1 o'clock a. m. and the flames were shooting out of the building before the fire was discovered.

A. N. Henson, District Deputy Grand Master of the I. O. O. F., went down to Tulia last Saturday night and installed the officers for the local lodge at that place. While there he made a thorough inspection of the new court house which has just been occupied by the county officials. He likes the exterior appearance of the court house better than ours but thinks the interior arrangements of ours much superior. He also reports Tulia rather dull now, no new buildings and several vacant houses.

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### Senator Gordon Loves Everybody

Senator Gordon of Mississippi who retires from the upper house of congress following the election of Mr. Percy by the Mississippi legislature, made a memorable address to his colleagues Thursday afternoon, the speech produced a deep impression, even hardened and sophisticated statesmen full of stratagems and spoils were made kin by touch of nature, by sincere, homely, gentle eloquence. Senator Gordon made a speech that deserves to live. It was a peculiarly interesting address from the fact that General Gordon is one of the old time southerners of the chivalrous sort, possessed of that degree of chivalry, which while it may mean a certain exclusiveness also has a great regard for manhood and does not exalt the dollar above the man, why alas, cannot the other senators rise to the same plane of simple humanity and good will? Why cannot Jeff Davis discuss trusts without exhausting the vocabulary of personalities and vulgar invectives? Senator Gordon said that he was born a multi-millionaire and that the possession of millions is a misfortune. He said he was not happy until he had given most of his money away, spending much of it in providing comforts for the slaves which he inherited also unfortunately. Senator Gordon deprecated abuse of millionaires; he thought they deserved pity instead of abuse. The great question hinges around the thought, Why cannot La Follette advocate his reforms without branding Messrs Aldrich and Cannon as enemies of their kind? Why cannot Speaker Cannon and Representative Fowler lie down together and discuss House rule reform in quiet, philosophical tones?

The aged Mississippian made a very effective answer to Heyburn of Idaho, who a few days ago waved the bloody shirt in the senate. He deplored sectionalism; he asked for a united country, but insisted that the southerners had a right to keep sacred some of the memories. Would that the Gordon effort might have a lasting effect on the gentlemen and scholars in the August chamber that echoed its noble sentiments!

Gordon preached a fine sermon for the millionaires of the senate, if they would only apply its lessons themselves. Especially when they are scheming how they can pass laws that will give them special privilege undue advantage, if they will remember and heed the eloquent words of the old man who represented the state of Mississippi in the senate for only sixty days, their desire to enact vicious legislation will vanish and they will become real servants of the people.

Senator Gordon preached a fine sermon to every man whose sole aim is to pile up great wealth, who grasps for millions and getting them, folds his rich draperies about him, draws himself away from the toiling, struggling world and devotes his energies not to the helping of humanity, but solely to the creation of more millions, not one cent of which he can take with him when he meets the fate which is the fate of everyone—death.

Senator Gordon's little verse delivered Feb. 24, 1910. We make our sorrows, the evils of fate, When we take in our hearts malice, envy and hate, There is good in the world, and we may be sure That a heart full of love will keep the soul pure.

He was awarded first place in the contest and will be Iowa's representative in the inter-state contest. Mr. Coleman won first in both thought and composition and in delivery so his victory is clear cut and unquestioned.

Hon. R. B. Cousins whose picture is shown here has had a remarkably successful career as an educator. He is a native of Georgia, having been born in the little town of Fayetteville, in the early "sixties." He is descended from the pioneer stock of that empire state that has made a great destiny for itself and has contributed to the character and strength of many of its sturdy sons to the structure of many another common wealth.

The subject of this sketch is the son of the late Dr. J. W. Cousins, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Bennett of Jonesboro, Georgia. His education was begun in the country schools, passing to the village academies, the A. & M. college, he finally graduated with honors from the university of his native state. Later he studied in the university of Chicago.

His educational work in Texas began in the high school at Longview. He has taught in Mineola, Waco and in Mexico. In the last place he remained sixteen years, as superintendent of the schools. So acceptable was his work to the people and board of trustees that he

was elected for sixteen successive years without a dissenting vote. He built a large school there that won recognition among the best in Texas.

In 1904, Mr. Cousins was elected State superintendent of Public Instruction of Texas and was elected again and again, resigning the State Superintendency in the middle of the third term, to accept the presidency of the West Texas State Normal College. This last position came to him without his seeking, as an expression of the large esteem and confidence of the State Board of Education, with whom he has been associated during his incumbency in office mentioned. He has never failed in any undertaking. His administration as State Superintendent of Schools of Texas, is the high water mark in the history of educational process in this State. The establishing of the West Texas State Normal college upon the broad and firm foundation will be the crowning work of a really great educational career. Canyon City, Randall county and the Panhandle rejoice to welcome Mr. Cousins, his strong faculty and interesting family to the plains.

### Worth A. Jennings, for Sheriff and Tax Collector

It has been an often repeated phrase that Randall county has within her boundary plenty of good material from which to select good, honest and honored citizens to fill any and all of her county offices. The News has one in name of Worth A. Jennings, who has lived in Randall county for ten years, coming from Swisher county, in the latter county he lived some years and he has never filled any of the county offices, and has until now ever asked for any, he asks the News to present his name to the voters of Randall county, subject to the action of Democratic primaries.

### Merry Matrons Entertained

Mrs. C. P. Hutchings entertained the Merry Matrons, at the elegant home of Mrs. R. S. Pipkin, with "Progressive 42." The first prize winners were Mrs. A. S. Rollins and Mrs. Roy Cullum, who were tied for first honors both receiving highest score and Mrs. James Gamble and Mrs. were paired for the other extreme honors refreshments were served, all reported having a delightful time, the next meeting is expected to be held at the home of Mrs. Howell.

Let the Panhandle bakery furnish you bread and cakes.

### Coleman Won Oratorical Contest in Iowa

Once more the Iowa inter-collegiate oratorical contest is a matter of history. The representative for the interstate contest has been chosen and the seven defeated orators have already set their faces toward other worlds to conquer. It was a pretty fight all the way through and the great audience present was splendidly repaid for the long session last night.

The last speaker of the evening was Henry Coleman of Cornell. His theme was to him the most vital of all possible themes for Mr. Coleman is a negro. His oration was entitled "The Philosophy of the race problem." In the course of his remarks he took occasion to answer the position taken by Thomas Dixon and others who have taken radical stand against the policy of negro education and uplift industrially. The chief strength of Mr. Coleman's oration lay in his personal appeals and applications, which were full of pathos and simple eloquence. His attitude was modest and unpretentious and his line of argument made a strong impression upon the audience.

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When we cross Death's dark river and reach the bright shore

Beloved ones will greet us and welcome us o'er. And while it is given to dwell on this earth,

No matter where may be the land of our birth:

Our duty to God is to do all we can.

Be true to our country, and love our fellow man.

To the City Council of Canyon City, Texas.

Gentlemen:—

With this I hand you my resignation as mayor of this beautiful little city which is now taking steps—if not turned backward, will make it a veritable city and next to a paradise as a place of residence. This resignation is intended to take effect as soon as my successor is elected and takes the oath of office; and in no event to be later than the 10th of April, 1910.

I am not handing back to the people one year of the official term last tendered me because the office of its emoluments are small, or because I am indifferent to the splendid compliments that the people of this place have repeatedly paid me in tendering me this third term and for which I am wholly unable to find language to adequately express my profound gratitude. While I know that this action on my part will be delightful news to some of our citizens, yet I hope that I will never reach the point where I will desire to punish my friends to reward my enemies. I am not so obtuse but that I know that I have some very bitter enemies, but in place of apologizing to their prejudices, I am proud of the things done that have caused their enmity.

I shall ever watch the future development of Canyon City with unusual interest, because I am quite sure that nothing short of inexcusable blunders can check her rapid development now so well under way.

If I were permitted to make out and record in a few words a program and were limited to only one rule for the city's continued advancement, I would state it in these words "Always let the offices seek the man and not the man seek the office for the steering of your municipal affairs." For it is literally philosophically true whether the office sought be great or small, office seeking is a crime: although it is equally true that all office seekers are not necessarily criminals. In taking this leave and severing three most pleasant official ties with you gentlemen of the council, I hope that no one will be so cruel as to accuse me of "blarney" when I say that to you and to the other patriotic gentlemen whom some of you have succeeded in the council, belongs all the credit for whatever of process and success our city has attained since it "set up housekeeping," as a municipality. If I could have the honor of being mayor of this city for life, I would look for or want no better, safer nobler or purer men than you and they for my councilmen and associates.

With love to you and each and every one of you and the people of Canyon City, I am, Your Friend.

Jasper N. Haney.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McBride and daughter Lucile, were the guests of Judge and Mrs. A. N. Huison and other friends in Canyon. They will probably locate in Canyon soon.

Ed. Randall of Detroit, Mich., was in Canyon, Tuesday looking up some matter of business.